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ADAM

WARLOCK?



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SPHINXOR FROM THE
STAR SYSTEM PEGASUS
HERE!

SEEMS THAT A FEW
OF YOU OUT THERE DON'T
KNOW WHO WARLOCK
IS! SHAME, SHAME,
SHAME!

"...OL' ADAM
WARLOCK WAS
BORN RIGHT
HERE ON
EARTH, BELIEVE
IT OR NOT!
TROUBLE IS,
ADAM WARLOCK
WASN'T REALLY
BORN, AT LEAST
NOT LIKE YOU
WERE!

HIS BIRTH
PLACE WAS A
REMOTE SUPER-
SOPHISTICATED
RESEARCH LAB
CALLED THE "SEE
NINE." THIS LAB'S
PURPOSE WAS TO
CREATE THE PER-
FECT MAN OF
THE FUTURE!

SO YOU MIGHT
SAY THE FOUR
MEN WHO HEADED
UP THE PROJECT
WERE WARLOCK'S
FATHERS! IT'S
TOO BAD...

WELL
UNCLE STAN'S
ASKED ME TO
FILL YOU IN.

SO HANG ON AND TAKE
NOTES, 'CAUSE WE'VE GOT
A LOT TO COVER IN FOUR
PAGES!

WELL,
TO BEGIN
WITH...



"...THAT ADAM'S POPS WERE
STINKERS! THE ONLY REA-
SON THEY WERE CREATING
ADAM WAS SO HE'D GO
CONQUER THE EARTH FOR
THEM!

"HIS MOTHER?"

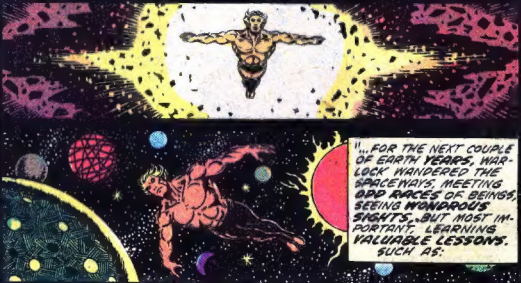
"YOU MIGHT SAY
HIS MOTHER WAS
THE COCOON HE
BURST FORTH FROM
AT BIRTH!

"HE WAS LIKE A
CHILD BACK THEN,
BUT WHAT A CHILD!
HE STEPPED INTO
THE WORLD WITH
THE POWER OF AN
ATOMIC BOMB, ABLE
TO LOOK INTO MEN'S
SOULS...

"...AND WHAT HE
SAW IN HIS PSEUDO-
PARENTS' SOULS,
HE DID NOT LIKE!

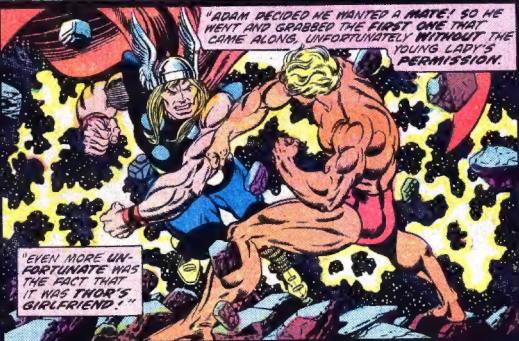
"...SO HIS INFANT
LIKE REASONING
TOLD HIM TO DEAL
WITH THE SITUATION
THE ONLY WAY HE
FELT IT COULD BE
HANDLED, WHICH
WAS TO...

"...DESTROY HIS
FATHERS' LAB...
WITH THEM IN
IT!



"...FOR THE NEXT COUPLE
OF EARTH YEARS, WAR-
LOCK WANDERED THE
SPACE WAYS, MEETING
AND RACES OF BEINGS,
SEEING WONDERFUL
SIGHTS, BUT MOST IM-
PORTANT, LEARNING
VALUABLE LESSONS.
SUCH AS:

IF YOU MESS
WITH A THUNDER
GOD, EXPECT TO
GET YOUR TAIL
STOMPED!



"ADAM DECIDED HE WANTED A MATE, SO HE
WENT AND GRABBED THE FIRST ONE THAT
CAME ALONG, UNFORTUNATELY WITHOUT THE
YOUNG LADY'S
PERMISSION."

"EVEN MORE UN-
FORTUNATE WAS
THE FACT THAT
IT WAS THOR'S
GIRLFRIEND!"

THAT WAS
HOW ADAM
WARLOCK LEARNT
HUMILITY!

"AT THIS POINT OUR
HERO (WHO WAS KNOWN
ONLY AS 'HIM' BACK
THEN) DECIDED IT WAS
TIME TO RETURN TO HIS
COCCON AND MEDITATE
UPON HIS, UP TO NOW,
USELESS EXISTENCE!"

"WARLOCK NEEDED A
PURPOSE IN LIFE, AND
KATE DECIDED TO GIVE
IT TO HIM! NOW? BY
HAVING HIS FREE-
FLOATING COCCON
FALL INTO THE
HANDS OF A
GOD-LIKE
BEING
KNOWN AS..."

"...THE HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY..."



"...CREATOR OF
THE NEW MEN!"

TALK ABOUT
AMBITION! NOW
HERE WAS A GENT
WITH PLANS, AND
THE POWER TO
PULL THEM OFF!



"HE TOOK A SMALL
ROCK FROM EARTH
AND CREATED A
WORLD ROUND IT, A
WORLD DESTINED TO
BECOME EARTH'S
DOUBLE ON THE FAR
SIDE OF THE SUN!"

"HE THEN PEOPLED IT
WITH HUMANS FREE
OF ALL EVIL. THIS
WAS BORN PARADISE!"

"BUT A CREATION SOME
BAD OF THE HIGH EVOLU-
TIONARY INTERVENED
AND INSTILLED THE INSANI-
TIES OF GREED, HATE,
BIGOTRY AND ALL THE
OTHER EVILS OF THE ORI-
GINAL EARTH IN THE NEW
PLANET WHILE ITS CREATOR
RESTED!"



"THE HIGH EVOLU-
TARY CALLED IT
COUNTER-EARTH!"



"THIS
DIED
PARADISE!"

Read this story if
you want to...

"GET IT ALL TOGETHER"

...when you get out
of the service

ONE DAY, A FEW MONTHS AFTER WE BOTH GOT
OUT OF THE SERVICE, I RAN INTO MY OLD BUDDY, PETE.

PETE! HOW YOU
MAKING OUT?

NOT TOO GOOD, JOE. I
CAN'T SEEM TO HACK IT...
NO JOB I CAN GET
PAYS ANY
MONEY.



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DOING ALL RIGHT,
THOUGH.

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ELECTRONICS AND
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ELECTRONICS!
HOW'D YOU WORK
THAT, JOE?

CIE, PETE! CIE
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ELECTRONICS ON MY
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THIS WAS THE WORK OF THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY'S WORST FAILURE... THE LEADER OF THE SINISTER 'NEW MEN'... THE EVIL BEING KNOWN AS THE... **MAN-BEAST!**

WELL, ADAM HAD BEEN LOOKING FOR A PURPOSE IN LIFE AND NOW HE HAD ONE! IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS GOING TO BE THE ONLY THING STANDING BETWEEN MAN-BEAST AND THE COMPLETE DESTRUCTION OF COUNTER-EARTH!

A BIRTH CURSED BY MANY A FOUL VOICE! TIME AND TIME AGAIN THE GOLDEN GLADIATOR SHATTERED THE PLANS AND RANKS OF MAN-BEAST'S WICKED NEW-MEN, WHILE GAINING A LOYAL FOLLOWING AMONG THE EARTHMEN!

BUT PEOPLE DIE IN WARS, AND COUNTER-EARTH'S CONFLICT WOULD BE NO EXCEPTION! MANY ON BOTH SIDES WOULD PERISH AND WITH EACH DEATH A BIT MORE OF ADAM ALSO DIED, UNTIL...



SO ADAM CAME ON LIKE THE MARINES! COUNTER EARTH FINALLY HAD A HERO!

WE ADOPTED HIS PRESENT NAME, DONNED A COLORFUL COSTUME AND WAS GIVEN A POWERFUL SOUL-GEN BY THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! SO ADAM WARLOCK WAS AT LAST BORN!



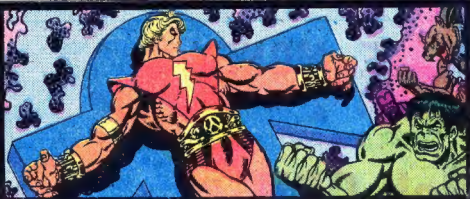
BUT THE BITTEREST PART OF THIS TRAGEDY WAS THAT MANKIND WAS FORCED INTO THIS RE-RUN MADNESS.

FOR EVERY WAR THAT FLARED, EVERY TYRANT THAT CAME INTO POWER, EVERY CRUELTY INFLICTED UPON HUMANITY WAS PREORDAINED BY THE CRAFTY HAND OF THAT PLANET'S OWN 'SERPENT IN THE GARDEN'!

WARLOCK HIMSELF
FELL VICTIM TO THE FORCES
HE OPPOSED!

BUT SO **POWERFUL**
WAS ADAM'S **SPRIT** THAT
NOT EVEN **DEATH** COULD
LONG CONTAIN IT!

SO ADAM
CROSSED
BACK INTO THE
LAND OF THE
LIVING TO
ACCOMPLISH
THAT FOR WHICH
HE HAD GIVEN
HIS LIFE!



"HE RETURNED TO STOP
MAN-BEAST, WHO HAD
PRESENTLY FOUND A
NEW FOE IN THE
LUMBERING HULK!"

"WARLOCK HAD JUST
CONQUERED DEATH, SO
NO MAN-BEAST WAS
GOING TO STOP HIM
NOW!"



"USING THE POWER OF HIS SOUL-
GEN, HE REVERTED ALL THE NEW-
MEN BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL
ANIMAL STATES."



"COUNTER-
EARTH WAS
AT LAST
SAVED
FROM THE
BEAST
WITHIN."

"FOR WARLOCK THE JOB WAS OVER.
COUNTER-EARTH'S FATE AT LAST
LAY IN THE HANDS OF ADAM'S
FOLLOWERS AND..."



"...THAT PLANET'S
PEOPLE!"

"AS FOR WARLOCK...THE STARS BECKONED LIKE A FORMER LOVE AND
HE ANSWERED THE ONLY WAY HE COULD!"



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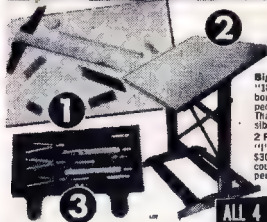
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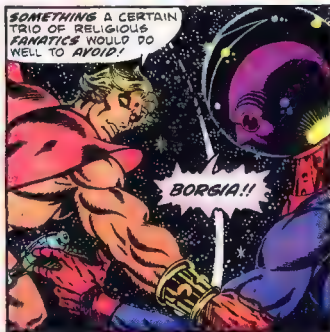
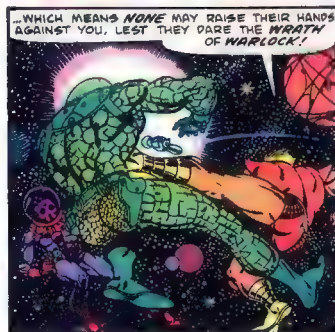
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OF THE HOLY
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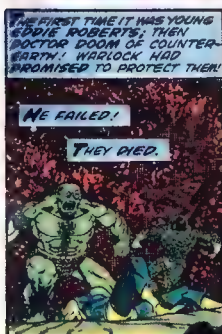
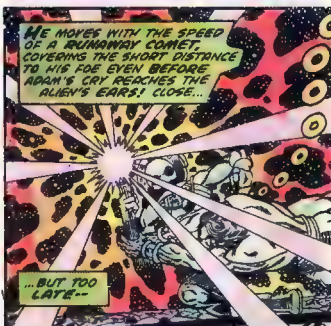
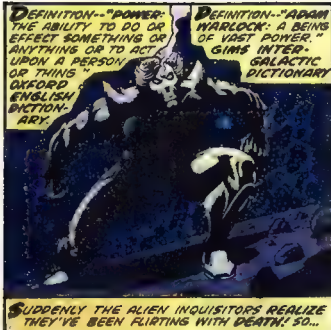
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CREATURE IS
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WE MUST COME
FROM A WORLD
AT LEAST A
THOUSAND
TIMES LARGER
THAN EARTH TO
POSSESS SUCH
NATURAL
STRENGTH!

I'VE NO TIME
TO OUTFIGHT
HIM--THE GIRL
STILL NEEDS TO
BE PROTECTED
FROM THIS BRUTE'S
COMRADES!

SO I'M
FORCED
TO USE...

...THE
POWER
OF THE
SOUL-
GEM!





SO YOUNG...
TOO LATE...
DEAD...



THIS...



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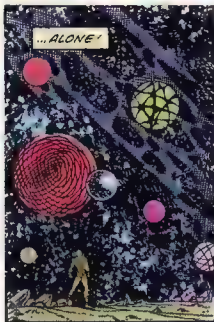
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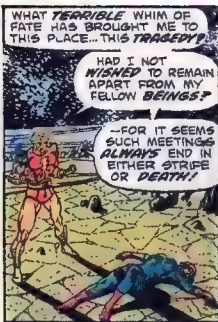
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TO TRANSPORT BACK
TO INQUISITION
CENTRAL!



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CLOSE, ENERGY FLOWS
INTO FLARING BELT
TELEPORTERS
AND IN A FLASH
WARLOCK IS...



...ALONE!



WHAT TERRIBLE WHIM OF
FATE HAS BROUGHT ME TO
THIS PLACE... THIS TRAGEDY!

HAD I NOT
WISHED TO REMAIN
APART FROM MY
FELLOW BEINGS?

--FOR IT SEEMS
SUCH MEETINGS
ALWAYS END IN
EITHER STRIFE
OR DEATH!



NOW, AS IF TO REAF-
FIRM THAT BELIEF...
THIS YOUNG GIRL
COMES SEEKING AID
AND FINDS DEATH!

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YOU CHARGE FOR
YOUR SERVICES,
WARLOCK!



THEN AGAIN, WHY
DID SHE NEED MY
HELP?

SHE OBVIOUSLY
NEEDED AID AGAINST
THESE FANATICAL
MAGUS WORSHIP-
ERS...



PITY SHE DIDN'T
LIVE LONG ENOUGH
TO LET ME KNOW
WHO THEY ARE!

I MUST KNOW
MORE ABOUT THESE
MONSTERS BEFORE
WE MEET AGAIN!

SO I'VE
LITTLE
CHOICE!



I MUST
FORCE THE
GIRL TO
TELL ME
MORE!

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FOR THIS DARK JEWEL DRAWS ITS STRENGTH FROM THE SINISTER CHAOTIC ENDS OF INFINITY AND SUCH POWER...

...IS TO BE FEARED!

SO RISE, AND WHILE YOUR SOUL YET LINGERS, RETURN TO THIS LIFELESS HUSK AND SPEAK TO ME OF THAT WHICH I CRAVE!

I SHALL SUPPLY THE ANIMATION... YOU THE MOTIVATION!

TELL ME OF THOSE INQUISITORS WHO HOUNDED YOU!

"TELL ME OF THIS MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE! SAL CHURCH OF TRUTH!"

"TELL ME OF THIS MAGNUS! THESE INQUISITORS SPOKE OF IN SUCH AVE!"

"TELL ME WHY YOU DIED!"

WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME BACK TO THIS COLD LIFE?

'TIS ONLY FOR THE MOMENT, GIRL! YOU'VE KNOWLEDGE I DESIRE!

YES, I'LL SPEAK!

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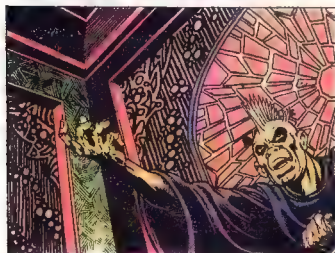
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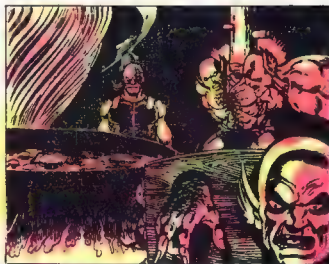
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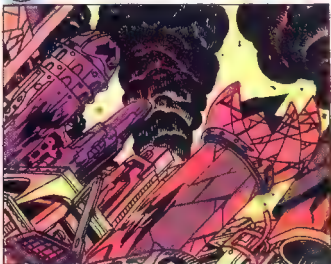
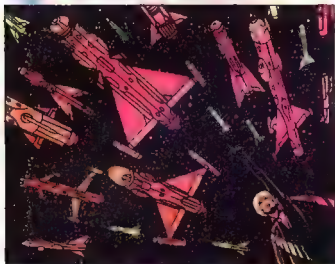




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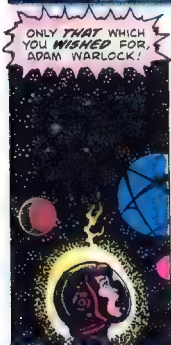
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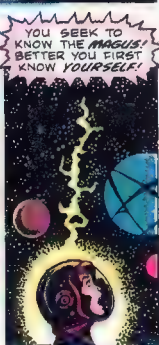


"STILL, I NEED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE MAGUS HIMSELF... HIS POWERS... HIS GOALS... ANYTHING YOU CAN... HOLD!"

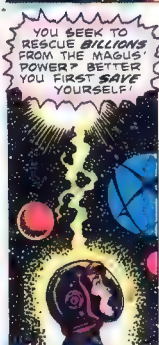
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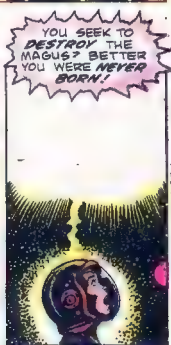
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I AM ATTACKED BY STRANGE YET FAMILIAR DEMONS! THEY SEEK TO TEAR...TO STRANGLE...TO DROWN ME IN THEIR NUMBERS!



AWAY!



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STAN LEE'S SOAPBOX

Hang in there, hero! We've got a couple of mind-blowin' items for you this month, so let's zero right in. First, how lucky can you be? You'll be seeing more sensational stories than ever from ol' ROY THOMAS from now on. Yep, the Rascally One has been itching to devote more of his time to writing, and he's finally decided to take the plunge. Hence, from this day forth, our award-winning editor becomes Editor Emeritus, a title he so richly deserves, as I hereby announce (and not without a twinge of envy), that he'll be scripting more Marvel masterworks than ever before. So here's to the youngest titleholder in all of Emeritusdom—long may he reign! Next ish, we'll describe our new editorial lineup in detail, but for now—onward!

It hadda happen! There's another Comics Con a'coming! But not just any other comics-book convention—nope, this time it's a MARVEL Con! That's right—during Easter vacation time your batty Bullpen is putting together one of the most exciting projects of the year for Marvel-dom Assembled. At a major New York hotel we'll be holding the biggest, brassiest, brain-blastingest Marvel convention of all time! It'll be three full days of fun, fantasy, and fan-heaven as you mingle with the greatest names in the Marvel galaxy! So, if you're planning a go-away vacation during Easter, we just wanna alert you—New York's where it'll all be happening! More info next month!

One last word, gang. I'm really overwhelmed by all the college lecture offers you've been tossing this way. I wish there was time to accept each one, but I want you to know I'm frantically trying to juggle my schedule so I can do as many as possible. I don't know whether all of academia wants to hear about Marvel, or if you're just trying to keep me on the move so I won't have time to write any more Soapboxes! But whatever it is, keep those cards and letters comin', folks! And remember, it's time to take a toad to lunch!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! Let's roll out the red carpet for Free-wheelin' FRANK ROBBINS, Marvel's newest artist and bon vivant! As many of you know, Frank's the artist and writer of the newspaper comic-strip "Johnny Hazard," and is considered by his peers to be one of the finest craftsmen in the business.

Now, after cutting his incisors on a Morbius tale or two in the pages of ADVENTURES INTO FEAR, Frank has stepped in to give our pal SAL BUSCEMA a well-earned rest from the pages of CAPTAIN AMERICA—and to team up with Roy the Boy on a brand new 50¢ title due to debut early in '75, its title? THE INVADERS! (Who's going to be in this newest, most exciting supergroup? We'll leave you guessing for a month or so, pilgrim. Suffice it to say that we think the lineup of this litin' legion is going to catch nearly everybody off guard, and that Free-wheelin' Frank will definitely have his hands full!)

ITEM! Speaking of artist switches, it's nostalgia time, as Genial GENE COLAN once more takes over the reins of our DR. STRANGE strip. Remember those cabalistic classics of yesteryear? Well, get set to have 'em all eclipsed by the new team of COLAN, JANSON, and ENGELHART! As for Doc's previous artist, Far-out FRANK BRUNNER, he's keeping busy on one of the most-requested back-up features of all time. Yep, we're talking about none other than HOWARD THE DUCK, who's now appearing regularly in the pages of our quarterly GIANT-SIZE MAN-THING mag (where else?). When you ask for things long enough and loud enough round Marvel-dom you get 'em! (Okay, okay, we know, we know—so where's the Silver Surfer?)

ITEM! In case you haven't noticed, we've added a new 50-center or two as well. Still on sale, hopefully, is our new GIANT-SIZE KID COLT title, which spotlights the wildest new western team-ups ever. And this month sees GIANT-SIZE CHILLERS #1, with art by ALCALA, CALAZAR, and right on thru the alphabet with Marvel's greatest mystery artists. What's more, December will herald the way-outest new mag of all—

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ITEM! Oh, and just so you don't think you've gone completely bananas, we thought we'd best clue you in that, due to circumstances beyond our control, the first issue of our new \$1 magazine MARVEL PREVIEW (introducing the long-awaited new feature "Man-Gods From Beyond The Stars") was delayed at the last possible moment, and will be on sale in the next few weeks instead of right now, as we announced last issue. Sorry about that, friends, but we wanted to polish that gem up just right for you. Meanwhile, though, the premiere ish of our new \$1-s-f title, UNKNOWN WORLDS OF SCIENCE FICTION, is on sale—complete with comic-strip versions of stories like Wyndham's Day of the Trifids masterpiece, Bob Shaw's stunning "Slow Glass" tales, plus art and story by the likes of COLAN, CONWAY, FREAS, ADAMS, WILLIAMSON, ISABELLA, KALUTA, and that illustrious ilk. Plus an exclusive, photo-filled interview with the one and only RAY BRADBURY! Face it, effendi!—if science fiction's ever gonna make it in the comics medium, this is the one! Only a buck for 84 big pages, and worth every hoarded penny—at your newsstands now!

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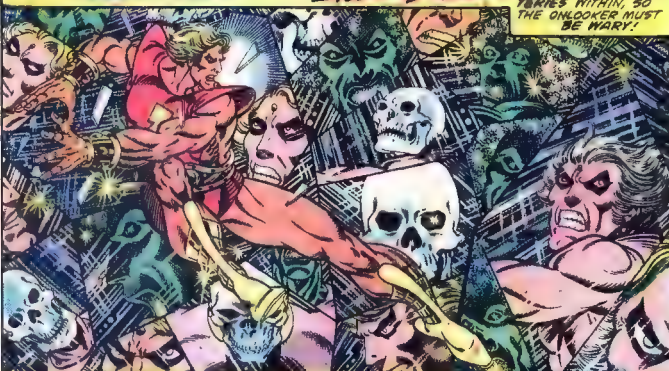
...AND THIS ONE'S HIDDEN DEEPER THAN ANY! FOR IT'S CONCEALED WITHIN YOUR VERY SOUL!



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...THE SECRET OF THE MAGUS!

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME SECRETS CONTAIN FURTHER MYSTERIES WITHIN, SO THE ONLOOKER MUST BE WARY!



SUCH COSMIC PUZZLES MAY HOLD THE ANSWERS TO LIFE AND...



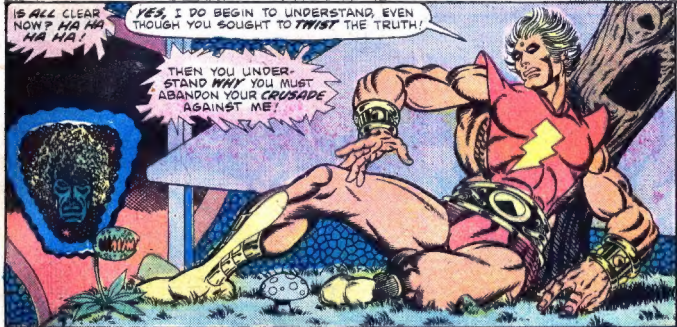
...DEATH!



IS ALL CLEAR
NOW? HA HA
HA HA!

YES, I DO BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND, EVEN
THOUGH YOU SOUGHT TO *TWIST* THE TRUTH!

THEN YOU UNDER-
STAND *WHY* YOU MUST
ABANDON YOUR *CRUSADE*
AGAINST ME!



YOU CANNOT FIGHT
ME! I AM *EVERY-
THING* YOU ARE,
PLUS ALL THE
THINGS YOU *HATE*!



I AM ONLY DOING
WHAT YOU *FEAR* TO
DO! FOR THE *CHOOS-
ING* TO DO IT GIVES
ME THE *POWER* TO
DO IT!

FIGHT ME AND
YOU BATTLE YOUR
VERY *SOUL*, FOR
I AM THE
MAGUS!



OF COURSE, I SHOULD HAVE
REALIZED...THOSE CREATURES
WERE MY OWN *INNER
DEMONS*...

...AND THE *MAGUS*...
MAGUS IS LATIN
FOR WISE MAN...
MAGICIAN...
WARLOCK!!



THAT'S RIGHT,
ADAM, YOU
AND I ARE...

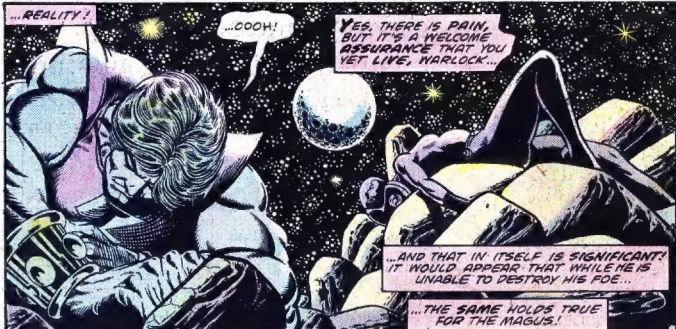
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HAHA HA HAHA!

THEN, AT LAST, A
RETURN TO...





...REALITY!

...OOOH!

YES, THERE IS PAIN,
BUT IT'S A WELCOME
ASSURANCE THAT YOU
YET LIVE, WARLOCK...

...AND THAT IN ITSELF IS SIGNIFICANT!
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WHILE HE IS
UNABLE TO DESTROY HIS FOE...

...THE SAME HOLDS TRUE
FOR THE MAGUS!



THIS WHOLE AFFAIR IS SO
INSANE I COULD EASILY BE-
LIEVE IT A DREAM!

EVERYTHING,
SAVE THE GIRL'S
BODY BEFORE ME,
SCREAMS THAT ALL THAT
HAS OCCURRED IS NAUGHT
BUT AN ILLUSION!



THAT MY SOUL'S NOT REALLY
SPLIT IN TWO AND RUNNING
AMOK THROUGH SPACE!



IS IT NOT HALLUCINATION
THAT SPURS ME TO STOP
MYSELF FROM RAVAGING
GALAXY UPON GALAXY?

HOW DOES ONE
DEFEAT HIMSELF
WITHOUT
DESTROYING
HIMSELF?



'TIS MADNESS TO GO
ON, YET IF I CEASE
THE STRUGGLE, MAD-
NESS SHALL SURELY
PREVAIL!



THE MAGUS MUST
BE STOPPED AND
ONLY I CAN DO
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You can operate from a shop, office, or your home. Equipment is light and portable.

At the start, you may want to render service yourself... or you can start with full or part time servicemen. This business is easy to learn... easy to start... so easy to service that women dealers do it. We prefer you have no experience... not have to "unlearn" old ways.

We are NOW enlarging this worldwide system individually owned and operated full or part time. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see the way we show you step by step how to quickly get customers... and still more customers from their recommendations.

You have 7 superior services that are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theaters, clubs, motels and institutions.

These are not ordinary services. You have

the prestige and endorsement of leading furniture makers and carpet mills, of Parents' Magazine and McCall's, of Research and Testing Laboratories.

National magazine advertising explains superior merits of your services, builds your customer confidence and brings job leads to you.

We and a DuraClean dealer will train you and assist you. He'll reveal his successful, proven methods. You have pre-tested newspaper and yellow-page ads, commercials, and a full mailing program.

Stores, upholsterers, insurance adjusters, and decorators refer jobs to our dealers. These year 'round services are in constant demand.

Start Small, Grow Big in this Booming Business

Many men have said to us, "I can't afford to give up my job till I know I have a sure thing... a sound business that will provide both security and a better living for my family."

That made sense to us so we worked out such a plan... and those same men are now enjoying a DuraClean dealership in many communities. You don't experiment. You use tested, proven methods. You have our backing and "know how."

Does this appeal to you? Don't decide now. Mail the coupon so you'll have the facts to decide wisely. There is no obligation. You'll then know whether this is what you want.

You can start small and grow big. A third century ago DuraClean was an idea... but it caught fire and spread to a world wide service. Why did it spread? (1) superior processes, (2) proven customer-getting methods (3) Day to day guidance from Headquarters.

Our first service, the care of upholstery and carpets not only cleans, it softens the fibers... revives dull colors. Pile rises with new life. There's no harsh machine scrubbing. No soaking. Mild aerated foam lightly applied lifts out dirt, grease, many unsightly spots like magic.

Furnishings are used again in a few hours. Government figures show service businesses are growing faster than industries and stores... \$750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. Your 6 other services are explained in the free booklet we'll mail you.

Less than \$1500 establishes YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than pays the monthly payments we finance for you.

Men frequently take in partners. We furnish electric equipment and, with first shipment, enough materials to return your TOTAL investment. If you have good habits and know the importance of customer satisfaction, you can likely qualify for a DuraClean dealership.

TODAY is the time to reserve a DuraClean dealership, before someone takes your location. It's been said, "Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door." This could be that one rare opportunity in your life.

It's surprisingly easy to learn this business. You can decide from the information we will send you whether to apply for a dealership. So, with no obligation whatever, mail the coupon TODAY. Cut it out NOW so you won't forget to mail it.

Mail this coupon TODAY It may put you in business

DuraClean International
4-710 DuraClean Bldg., Deerfield, Ill. 60015
With no obligation, mail 24 page illustrated booklet telling how and why I can quickly increase my income and family security while still employed, how you'll help finance me. No salesman will call.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State & Zip _____



SOME YEARS AGO I was a printer in a small Michigan town. I drew a pretty fair pay check but it wouldn't stretch far enough to provide the kind of living I wanted for my wife and five children.

Then one day I was reading a magazine just as you now are and I saw an ad. It intrigued me. It offered me the steadily growing income I had always hoped for. It said I would have greater security and personal independence... and that's what I had been wanting.

I was a little skeptical, but I said to myself, "for a postage stamp I can find out." So I mailed the coupon. In a few days, I got a letter with a booklet that gave the whole story. It opened my eyes. I could see why owning my own business was so much easier than I had always thought... why the day to day guidance of a successful worldwide organization could assure my own success.

I read the booklet several times. It just seemed too good to be true. I talked it over with my wife. We decided that now was the time to make the forward step... there was no reason to keep postponing an income increase.

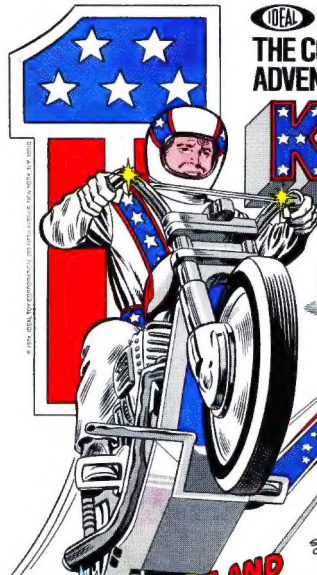
So, I applied for a DuraClean dealership and I was accepted. I stayed with my job... ran a few ads... sent some mailings... contacted a few stores and told my friends about the superior services I was now equipped to give them. Evenings and Saturdays, I rendered the service. As the business grew, I added servicemen.

I found that I didn't have to develop a single idea myself. Every step had been prepared for me and pre-tested. Hundreds of other men had already proven my methods successful. It didn't take long to see that I was making three to four times (yes, 3 to 4 times) as much per hour in my own business as in my printing job. So, after only seven months with a good following of customers, I quit my job to go full time on my own. In the meantime, I had enjoyed all this extra income on top of my salary.

Each day, we realized what a serious mistake not mailing that coupon would have been... and how that little act that seemed so trivial at the time actually changed our lives. The steadily growing income brought us

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AS EVEL LIFTS HIMSELF
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USING THE INCREDIBLE

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THROUGH
THE STADIUM
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VAN**

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OVER THE EVEL KNIEVEL
SCRAMBLE VAN!

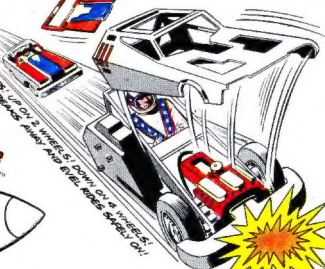


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